

## Mails

14. Hongkong, 22nd December, 1885.



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But then 'twas but a dress rehearsal  
Last night,  
No one could honestly be critical  
Last night,  
And *Rocco* had so *hard* a time  
Last night,  
'Twere *hard* to put him into rhyme  
Last night,  
The "Mascotte," yes! she was *Bettine*  
Last night,  
Almost the best I've ever seen  
At night,  
The "Gobble," which is so well known  
Was excellent, as was well shown  
Last night,  
'Twas rather novel, all the same  
Last night,  
*Audran's* good music's never tame  
At night,  
Perhaps the "Gobble" would have been better  
Had "Gracie" stuck more to the letter  
Last night,  
But "Pippo" fairly did his work  
Last night,  
The "Goal" he didn't even shift  
Last night,  
I've heard "La Mascotte" times before  
But certainly it pleased me more  
Last night,  
I've hardly space to tell the rest  
To-night,  
Of what I saw, almost the best  
Last night,  
Was "*Fiametta*," she did well  
And got encored I'm glad to tell  
To-night,  
And "Fisher," too, he did appear  
Last night,  
In better form, and it was clear  
Last night,  
He knew just what he was about  
Although the *prompter* was called out  
Last night,  
'Twas midnight, there or there about,  
Last night,  
When from the "Mascotte" I came out  
Last night,  
Yet I confess I liked the game  
And want to see it just the same  
Another night,  
[Our worst on record.]

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"IS MARRIAGE A FAILURE?"

This, says a writer in the *Sydney Bulletin*, is about as idiotic a question as could possibly be asked. One might as well enquire if the Cosmos were a failure. All the while there is a young and rising generation it is very evident marriage is a most unqualified success. The fact is that people who ask the question do not know what they mean by marriage. It is an ancient fact, in every clime amongst every people, race, or generation, ancient or modern, savage or civilised, there has been marriage. When it ceased, the nation ceased. The permanence of the one proved the existence of the other. When people ask "Is marriage a failure?" they mean is marriage of the nineteenth-century conventional British type a failure? This narrows the question considerably, but, fortunately, the existence of the human race would not be very seriously imperilled if it were. All unions of individuals of the opposite sexes entered upon with the intention of the perpetuation of the species is marriage. To talk of it being a failure when that end is subserved, is to talk nonsense.

From the racial point of view any and every system, natural or so-called artificial, which contributes to maintain the vigour and numbers of a race is good and right, and on the other hand, any and every system which fails to achieve those objects is a fraud and a failure. Marriage of the conventional type is not a piece of legal machinery for the perpetuation of racial or national vitality. It is variously regarded as a method of making money, repairing a decayed fortune, acquiring an estate, securing a nurse or one's declining years, hiring a general servant, coercing someone of the opposite sex to do chores for the consideration of shelter, getting a chop properly grilled, or obtaining somebody to wear one's name and to advertise one's business in society. Women seek in the modern marriage increased freedom, the right to go about without first to get parental permission, the privilege of attending all the theatres in the name of a *cavalier servente*, a marriage in which to pay calls, an establishment superior to their mothers', dresses their father's nurse refused to furnish forth, show, ostentation, money, parade, liberty, anything in fact except children, which are little nuisances, and calculated to impede one's movements. It is recognised that families are a mistake. Babies are in the road and are much too expensive; girls are difficult to navigate through the quicksands of social life and troublesome to marry off one's hands; girls too often turn out failures; their education is costly and frequently wasted in the manufacture of a cabanon or a lower-grade civil servant instead of a rational success. In America children are reared at a discount. In France the State offers great inducements to the multiplication of the race without success. Population in several European countries is steadily decreasing. In such marriage is a failure.

When the deaths outnumber the births in periods of normal mortality things are not right. Every unproductive marriage is a union in which so far as the nation is concerned marriage is a failure. These unions may not be necessarily useless. They are simply unions between highly civilised, highly refined, and eminently sensible people. Savages and primitive races increase and multiply at a tremendous rate. In the memorable words of Editor Stead, "In Russia the cradle is never empty." The Russian is one of three races destined to play a great part in the coming history of the world. Anglo-Saxons have committed racial suicide. The two others are the African and the Chinese. With these marriages of a failure. Virility speaks volumes on this point. A people in the heyday of youth do not sink into the commonplace grooves. They do not ask anything about marriage. The home-life has not become so all-absorbing. They live and struggle and fight, out in the open most of the time. When they go to their homes they go to beat their wives. We live in the home. All our life is home life. All our moral and mental life is the moral and mental life of men who are half women in their habits, men bringing ways of domestic attachment. Daily we become more and more forced into our home life for our mundane existence. Specialism is destroying all the interest of existence outside the home. Hence we are daily asking too much. We grow dissatisfied because we require from one woman, little environment, one dull set of daily circumstances and daily petty incidents, the best life that nations know.

Marriage plays too important a part in the life of the modern civilised man. He is cramped and confined in on every hand. Society is execrable. Every little caste and class has its little laws and regulations. He is forced to look to the home, to the conventional marriage, for all his character-culture, his higher excitements as an intellectual being, and he does it bitterly inadequate. The people who are called "marriage-bait" are anything but failures. The people of "Bohemian" tendencies, people who do not ask who do not want too much from others, who live freely, unconventionally, idealistically. The same comes which comes to



drive a man into his home, to narrow down his social life, operate also to limit population. Hence, the maternal instinct is starved, the woman becomes frivolous, the slave of the society whose portals recede with every advance she makes, and an over-sensitive humanity asks, "Is marriage a failure?"

To the question that asks it, assuredly yes! Marriage amongst commercial and industrial peoples of the present day is an inverted cone. There are too few people married, and those that are married are married too much. In a genuinely ideal community every able-bodied man and woman would be married, but marriage would not be the exacting chain upon each sex that it now is. Wherever children are a nuisance marriage, no matter how sanctioned by social usage, no matter how blessed by priestly benediction, is a terrible failure. To the nation that meets the arguments of Henry George with the clasp of Malthus, marriage is a failure. Where marriages of love are spoken of as an act, on one side or the other, of suicidal folly, and marriages of interest, no matter how unfitting, or revolting, are commended, the conventional marriage, according to the rites and usages of modern society, is a failure.

## SCIENTIFIC AND USEFUL.

## RECENT INVENTIONS, NEW IDEAS AND PROGRESS IN SKILLFUL INDUSTRY.

Coal loses from 10 to 20 per cent of its evaporative power if exposed to the effects of sunshine and rain.

Equal parts of sweet oil and lime water thoroughly mixed, is said to be the best remedy known for burns and scalds.

Professor Oser of Vienna has been experimenting with "condurango" bark as a tonic, and thinks it worthy a place in *medicamentum* as a symptomatic remedy.

An English invention is the "centrecycle," having four wheels a foot in diameter and a large wheel in the centre. With it the rider is enabled to go up hill as easily as to go forward on level ground.

Disagreeable moisture of the hands may be overcome by rubbing the hands several times a day with the following mixture: Tincture of belladonna, half an ounce; eau de Cologne, four ounces.

French physicians report great success with the internal use of antiseptics in typhoid fever. According to this method of disinfecting the internal organization the disease runs a shorter course.

An Englishman has invented an electric gun. There is a small storage battery fixed in the stock from which a current strong enough to explode the cartridge is communicated. It is said that one charging of the cell will explode 5,000 cartridges.

The Colt Arms Factory at Hartford, Conn., will soon begin the manufacture of 5,000 navy revolvers for the United States Government. The new piece is a 5-shooter, thirty-eight calibre. Beside being self-cocking, all the cartridges may be instantly removed by a pressure of the thumb.

Steel that is too hard to cut or file may be drilled with a mixture of an ounce of sulphate of copper, quarter of an ounce of alum, half a teaspoonful of powdered salt, a gill of vinegar and twenty drops of nitric acid. This will eat a hole in the hardest steel, or, if washed off quickly, will give a frosted appearance to the metal.

Experts claim that sea-sickness can be regulated by a system of breathing. One must sit still and time the breathing to the upward and downward motion of the boat. As the boat falls there should be a full expiration, and as the boat rises start on an inspiration ending just as the boat begins to drop.

Appropos of the proposition to make and sell mortar by the barrel, as is the practice in Germany, the *Manufacturers' Gazette* says: A good strong mortar is made of lime, a little sand, water and pieces of brick ground to a powder. All the refuse from a building of brick should be ground up and utilized in the mortar, by machines made for that purpose.

The average watch is composed of 175 different pieces, comprising upward of 2,400 separate and distinct operations in its manufacture. The balance has 18,000 beats or vibrations per hour, 12,500,000 in thirty days, 157,680,000 in one year; it travels 1.43 miles with each vibration, which is equal to 93 miles in twenty-four hours, 29.4 miles in thirty days, or 3,884 miles in one year.

On being consulted the Paris Council of Hygiene has disapproved of galvanized iron vessels for holding or measuring liquids intended for alimentary purposes. In consequence of the decision the Administration will refuse to affix the legal stamps to any vessels of this description, and will only allow, as heretofore, tinned copper or tinned iron.

Steamboat men say that the sidewheel ferry-boat will soon be a thing of the past, and that with propellers a small boat will supersede them. The new idea is endorsed by many ship-builders, practical architects and marine engineers. The important advantage of the propellers is that it takes less room on the boat, gives greater speed on less consumption of fuel and can be easier handled, costing less.

The supposed remedial agency of the odor of cows and cow-stables in cases of consumption is to be tried at Reinickendorf, near Berlin, on a unique scale. A vast circular building has been erected, in the basement of which several hundred cows will be kept, and the odor of the stables be conducted to the rooms in the upper stories. In the center of the building is a large yard, for which a whey-cure, bathing-rooms, etc., are planned.

According to *L'Industrie Parisienne* a laundryman in the vicinity of Paris has discovered a very ingenious method of cleaning linen without soap. He uses no soap or lye, nor chlorine, but replaces these substances by boiled potatoes, with which he rubs the linen. This curious process, it appears, is much superior to those hitherto employed, and the worst soiled cotton, linen or silk, cleaned by this method, are made whiter than they could be by the use of an alkali.

Leonard *München, medisin, Wochenschr.* July 26, 1888 relates the case of a patient with asthma and insomnia, in which, chloral and morphine failing, fifteen grains of sulphonal given at bed-time proved an excellent and agreeable hypnotic. *Martin (Med. Neuphilet, No. 29)* recommends sulphonal for the night sweats of phthisis. Doses of seven and a half grains at bed-time prove serviceable and afford the patient a quiet and natural sleep of four to six hours.

The graphophone, which is a simple form of the phonograph, or rather a more simple machine to produce the same result, will soon be on the market. Of course, no one can expect any machine, simple or complex, to work as well at first and without the operator having had practice on it, as though it had been known and used for long time. Even a lead pencil will not work right unless the writer knows how to hold it, just how to sharpen it and how hard to bear on.

Among the recent valuable discoveries of the famous French physician, M. Pasteur, is that of the vaccination of domestic animals for the prevention of the distemper known as anthrax or spleen fever. The method consists in attending to the system, in combating the distemper in domestic animals, Dr. J. H. Lamoury, following the subject under the notice of the Government at

India, where no efficient remedy was known for this rapidly fatal illness, which annually carries off a large percentage of cattle of every kind.

Professor Morse of Salem, Mass. has devised a simple stove for warming rooms by means of solar heat. It consists of a shallow box, having a bottom of corrugated iron and a glass top. This device is placed outside the building, so that the sun can shine directly into it. The rays pass through the glass and are absorbed by the metal, heating it to a high temperature and warming the air of the box. The air, which on sunny days rises to a temperature of 90° Fahrenheit, is conveyed into the room which is to be heated.

M. Jovis, a French aeronaut, is said to be building an air-ship in which he proposes to attempt to cross the Atlantic to New York this fall. It is to be called the *Atlantide* and will be 200 feet high, with a cubic measurement of nearly 100,000 feet. It will weigh 4,500 pounds and will carry the same weight of passengers and freight. M. Jovis thinks he can make seventy miles an hour in it and expects to land in Norway or Sweden, or else in Ireland, in three, and a half days after starting. The cost of the enterprise is fixed at about \$40,000.

Tram-cars worked by compressed air on the Mekarski system are now running on the Holloway Road and King's Cross Tramway line. They are like ordinary cars without horses, and they take their turn with the horse-cars. The air is contained in reservoirs under the cars, and is warmed by passing through hot water contained in a receiver before it goes to the engines, which are also under the car. This heating prevents the formation of hoar-frost in the cylinders, owing to the cooling due to the expansion of the compressed air which actuates the engines.

From time to time the sugar trade has heard of experiments with a new process of refining sugar, which was being kept as a profound secret. The only thing known about the process was that it was an electrical one. Sugar men are beginning to fear that there may be something in it after all. Actual sugar, of the most beautiful crystals, manufactured by this process has been exhibited. A refinery has been put up in Brooklyn. The machinery has been manufactured in different parts of the world in order that the secret might not be disclosed, and a final test was to be made about October 10th. If on or before that date 1,000 tons of sugar are refined by this process in a given time, it is said that English capitalists are willing to invest \$15,000,000 in the enterprise. If successful, according to the measure expected by its projectors, this process will be one of the greatest commercial sensations of the century.

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DIRECTORS: Mr. P. W. WILLARD, JOHN F. SHERIDAN.

TO-MORROW EVENING, the 9th December, 1888.

Gilbert & Sullivan's Popular Comic Opera, "THE MIKADO."

"THE TOWN OF TITIPU."

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

The Mikado of Japan, Mr. A. SUTCH.

His Son, disguised as a wandering minstrel, and in love with Yum-Yum, Mr. CH. FISHER.

Ko-Ko (Lord High Executioner of Titipu), J. F. SHERIDAN.

Pooh-Bah (Lord High Everything Else), H. M. IMANO.

Pish-Tush (A Noble Lord), W. CRIPPS.

Yum-Yum (The Princess), Miss FLO. MORRISON.

Pishi-Sing (A Noble Lord), G. WHITFORD.

Peep-Bo (An elderly Lady, in love with Nanki-Poo), VERA PATEY.

Katisha (An elderly Lady, in love with Nanki-Poo), E. LEAMINGTON.

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Stalls, 2.00.

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1888. [1323]

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THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY will (by Special Request) give

TWO MORE PERFORMANCES OF GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S OPERETTA "IOLANTHE"

ON THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY,

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Doors open at 8.30 P.M. Performance to commence at 9 O'CLOCK P.M.

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R. LYALL, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1888. [1338]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place from Lower Belcher's and Stone-Cutters' Island West Batteries, on the 29th instant, commencing at about 2 O'CLOCK P.M., and probably lasting one hour and a half.

The direction of the fire will be about due North West from Lower Belcher's and about due South West from Stone-Cutters' West.

All Ships, Junks and other vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the range.

By Command, FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th December, 1888. [1337]

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The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First Class Saloon and Cabins are situated forward of the engines. Second Class Passengers are berthed in the Poop. A Refrigerating chamber ensures the supply of fresh provisions during the entire voyage. A daily qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1888. [1265]

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(PASSING THROUGH THE INLAND SEA.)

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"VERONA"

will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, the 4th January, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1888. [13]

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(PASSING THROUGH THE INLAND SEA.)

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"THIBET"

will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, the 11th January, at Noon.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1888. [1335]

## To-day's Advertisements.

ALFRESCO FETE! ALFRESCO FETE! ALFRESCO FETE!!!

TO BE HELD THIS EVENING, AND

TO-MORROW EVENING, the 28th and 29th December, 1888.

STALLS FOR THE SALE OF MAGNIFICENT EMBROIDERIES AND RARE CURIOS.

WONDERFUL STRUTTING PHOENIX NEWLY CAPTURED.

TROUPE OF CHINESE TUMBLERS.

GRILL ROOM, Under the Personal Superintendence of Mr. THOMAS.

GRAND SURGICAL EXHIBITION, under direction of a Local Medical Celebrity.

SPORTING LION.

BRILLIANT ILLUMINATIONS. Thousands of Lanterns.

MILITARY BAND, (By kind Permission of Colonel Anderson and the Officers of the 58th Regt.)

CHINESE POPS BAND.

SPECIAL COMPANY OF CHINESE ACTORS.

FINE ART EXHIBITION, under the Direction of the Lord Chancellor and Lord O.

MAGNIFICENT AND UNIQUE COLLECTION!

GATES TO OPEN AT 5.30 P.M.

ENTRANCES.—All the Garden Gates (except that in Garden Road next to Kennedy Road Nullah), which thoroughfare will be CLOSED on both nights of the Fete.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

ONE DOLLAR (\$1) EACH DAY.

Schools, Children, Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform, Half-price.

Tickets now for sale at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LD.'S and Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1888. [1329]

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undersigned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on TUESDAY NEXT, the 1st January.

For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA,

JOHN THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,

T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,



## Commercial.

TO-DAY.  
THE SHARE MARKET.

A considerable amount of business has been done since our last report, most of it no doubt in connection with the monthly settlements. Banks have been placed at 158, 158½ and 159 per cent. premium, closing this afternoon with sellers at the rate last quoted. In Docks no transfers have been reported, but the stock is fairly firm at quotation. Steamboats have changed hands at 22½, 22½ and 22½, the last being the closing rate. China and Manilla have been sold at 175 and there are further shares on offer at that figure. In China Sugars a fair business has been put through at rates varying between 195 and 198, and there are now sellers at 197. Luzons have dropped to 88, at which price a few small sales have been booked. The Wharf and Godown Co.'s scrip has found purchasers at 77, 76 and 75 per cent. premium, closing in good demand. Punjoms have been done at 8, and are out of favor. Sales of the Tonquin Co.'s shares have been arranged at 110 per cent. premium, and there are still buyers. After a long rest Tramways have again been brought to the front, and some minor transactions put through at 250 per cent. premium. The China-Borneo Co.'s stock has found buyers at 54, and additional shares are asked for. Other quotations are unchanged.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—159 per cent. premium, sales and sellers.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$90 per share, sellers.  
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$75 per share, buyers.  
North China Insurance—Tls. 250 per share, buyers.  
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$97 per share, buyers.  
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 97 per share, buyers.  
Chinese Insurance Company—\$165 per share, buyers.  
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150, per share.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$340 per share, buyers.  
China Fire Insurance Company—\$79 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 40 per cent. premium, sellers.  
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$220 per share, sales and buyers.  
China and Manilla Steam Ship Company—175 per share, sales and sellers.  
Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$170 per share, nominal.  
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—17 per cent. div., sellers.  
Douglas Steamship Company—\$65 per share, buyers.  
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$197 per share, sales and sellers.  
Lunon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$88 per share, sales and sellers.  
Hongkong Ice Company—\$101 per share, buyers.  
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share.  
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$121 per share, sellers.  
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium, sellers.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—24 per cent. premium, sellers.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.  
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$79 per share, sellers.  
Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$5 per share, nominal.  
Punjom and Senghe Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$8 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—75 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.  
Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—110 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.  
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—250 per cent. premium, sales and sellers.  
The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$60 per share, buyers.  
The Sengoi Koyah Planting Co., Ltd.—\$39 per share, sellers.  
Cruckshank & Co., Ltd.—\$50 per share, sellers.  
The Steam Launch Co., Limited—20 per cent. div., sellers.  
The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—40 per cent. div., nominal.  
The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—\$54 per share premium, sales and buyers.

## EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/0  
Bank Bill, on demand 3/0  
Bank Bill, at 30 days sight 3/0  
Bank Bill, at 4 months sight 3/1  
Credits at 4 months sight 3/1  
Documentary Bill, at 4 months sight 3/1  
ON PARIS.—Bank Bill, on demand 3/0  
Credit, at 4 months sight 3/0  
ON INDIA, T. T. 22½  
ON DEMAND.—22½  
ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 718  
Private, 30 days sight 718

## OPIUM MARKET—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA, per picul..... \$560  
(Allowance, Tails 60)  
OLD MALWA, per picul..... \$550  
(Allowance, Tails 88)  
NEW PATNA (first choice) per chest..... \$570  
NEW PATNA (bottom) per chest..... \$571  
NEW PATNA (second choice) per chest..... \$565  
NEW BENARES (without choice) per chest..... \$550  
NEW BENARES (bottom) per chest..... \$550  
NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul..... \$540  
OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul..... \$530  
OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul..... \$475

## HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Palmer & Co.'s Register.)  
Today..... 71.0  
Yesterday..... 70.0  
27th Dec..... 70.0  
26th Dec..... 70.0  
25th Dec..... 70.0  
24th Dec..... 70.0  
23rd Dec..... 70.0  
22nd Dec..... 70.0  
21st Dec..... 70.0  
20th Dec..... 70.0  
19th Dec..... 70.0  
18th Dec..... 70.0  
17th Dec..... 70.0  
16th Dec..... 70.0  
15th Dec..... 70.0  
14th Dec..... 70.0  
13th Dec..... 70.0  
12th Dec..... 70.0  
11th Dec..... 70.0  
10th Dec..... 70.0  
9th Dec..... 70.0  
8th Dec..... 70.0  
7th Dec..... 70.0  
6th Dec..... 70.0  
5th Dec..... 70.0  
4th Dec..... 70.0  
3rd Dec..... 70.0  
2nd Dec..... 70.0  
1st Dec..... 70.0

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

27th December, 1888.—At 4 P.M.

STATION.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Wind.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.	State of sky.
Wladivostok	30.04	70	SE		3	b	...
Tokio	30.10	70	SE		3	b	...
Nagasaki	30.14	70	SE		3	b	...
Shanghai	30.16	70	SE		3	b	...
Amoy	30.16	70	SE		3	b	...
Hongkong	30.07	70	SE		3	b	...
Malacca	30.08	71	SE		1	b	...
Bohain	30.08	71	SE		4	c	...
Manila	30.10	71	SE		1	c	...